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In re the Application of:

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Guiding And Supporting An Elongated  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed March 22, 2006 and Notice of Appeal filed November 21, 2006, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.